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Date

To: Department of the Army  
Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers  
Attn: Lower Snake/ All H Study  
201 North Third Avenue  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Re: Decisions on Salmon

Dear Members of the Federal Caucus:

I am a member of Nez Perce Tribe.

In the treaty of 1855, my ancestors ceded millions of acres of land, relinquished the vast majority of their wealth, and surrendered their freedom in order to secure a permanent homeland and "reserve the right to take fish at all usual and accustomed places in common with the citizens of the country."

This reserved right has been reduced to near uselessness as salmon populations slide toward extinction.

**You are the trustee!**

The upcoming decisions will have a profound impact on the rights and resources of my people for generations.

I ask you to proceed with the breaching of the four Lower Snake River Dams as a cornerstone of a basin-wide salmon recovery strategy. Only by enacting equitable and accountable conservation measures among ALL the "H's" will begin to meet your treaty obligations.

Salmon must be returned to healthy harvestable levels as soon as possible.